

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 2 and 3. Please amend claims 1, 4, and 6 and add claims 14 and 15 as follows:

1. (twice amended)

A leash handle assembly for use with a leash comprising:

a hollow housing having an outward-facing surface, an opening and forming a grip;

a leash retainer mechanism located within the hollow housing;

a fastener affixed to said housing;

a storage container formed with said opening of said hollow housing;

at least one container adapted to receive said fastener, said container releasably connected to said outward-facing surface [to the outside] of said housing by said fastener;

whereby said dog leash is attached to said leash retainer mechanism [thereby]

wherein [providing] portable storage is provided within said opening of said hollow housing of the dog leash and removable containers are provided with the dog leash.

2. (canceled)

3 (canceled)

4. (twice amended) A leash handle assembly according to claim [3] 1 further including a cover removably attached to said storage compartment.

5. (previously presented) The leash handle assembly of claim 1 wherein said leash retainer